[27th July 1958]

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Round about the Assembly, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the Government have given instructions to the Police officers to use tear gas and lathis freely?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No tear gas was used and no lathi charge was made round about the Assembly."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the order was issued under the orders of the Government or whether the police took the initiative in the matter?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Chief Minister has already answered the question."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Police Commissioner asked for instructions or whether the Government took the initiative to give instructions to the Police Commissioner in this respect?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Further enquiry into the matter is not desirable. I have already stated that the Government issued previous instructions."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" May I know how many times this section has been applied to the approaches of the Assembly buildings, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am afraid, as long as there is no permanent law to maintain peace round about the Assembly, we will have to use it many, many times."

*Supply of periodicals and journals to libraries.**

* 1006 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Government orders are in vogue regulating the supply of periodicals and journals to Government libraries and free reading rooms run by local boards and municipalities;

(*b*) whether any periodicals or journals are prohibited from such libraries and free reading rooms; and

(*c*) if so, what are their names and the reasons for their prohibition?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Is it a fact that even when representations were made for the supply of periodicals to certain reading rooms and libraries under Government and municipalities, certain periodicals belonging to the Opposition parties were rejected by the Government?"

* Starred question postponed from the list for 24th July 1958.

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government in January 1952 ordered that it was not necessary to maintain a list of periodicals and journals for use in public libraries and reading rooms and that the managements of these institutions should, in future, be permitted to arrange for the purchase of books and periodicals for their libraries in conformity with the provisions in the rules framed under the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948. The following are the conditions prescribed in the Madras Public Libraries Rules, 1950, in regard to the purchase of books and periodicals for use in aided libraries :—

(i) The library shall have books and not merely newspapers and current periodicals.

(ii) The indents for books to be purchased for libraries shall receive the prior approval of the local library authority. The books to be purchased shall conform to the requirements mentioned below :—

(*a*) They shall be of general interest and of cultural value.

(*b*) The books, if they are stories or novels, shall be by standard authors and shall not be in doubtful taste.

(*c*) Books abusing communities or religions shall not be purchased.

(*d*) Books or magazines which are in doubtful taste or which contain undesirable pictures shall not be purchased.

There are no further instructions over and above these ones, Sir."

8-40 a.m. SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that a publication of ' Bhagavat Gita ' by one Anna of the Ramakrishna Mutt was banned from public libraries mistaking the author for Annadurai? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of it, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If any more information is wanted, I may be able to give, Sir."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is it a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has insructed all library authorities not to allow journals like ' Visalandhra ' and Soviet journals? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No such instructions have been issued."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" My question was not only relating to supply of books. I put a specific question with regard to periodicals belonging to the Opposition parties, particularly the Communist Party and the Dravida Kazhagam. There were representations made by Municipal Councillors for the supply of ' Viduthalai ' and ' Janasakthi ' to the reading rooms under the municipalities. They were first rejected by the Municipal Commissioners. Then the matter was referred to the Inspector of Municipal

Councils and Local Boards and later it went before the Director of Public Instruction. So, these journals are specifically prohibited. May I know the reasons for this? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is presumably referring to the state of affairs some time earlier. There was some conflict of views between the municipalities and the Government earlier. But the Government Order of 1952 stated that it was unnecessary to maintain a list of periodicals and journals. The whole question is governed by the instructions that have been read out already by me."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether the Government are prepared to pass general orders providing that all journals of public interest be supplied to municipal and Government libraries? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is a Public Libraries Act and the rules under it are in force in the State. The supply or purchase of these books and periodicals is governed by the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAICKER :—" May I know whether the Government have issued any orders that ' Viduthalai ', ' Dina Thanthi ' ' Nam Nadu ' and ' Janasakthi ' should not be purchased by the Cuddalore Municipality? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The answer was given in reply to Mr. Kalyanasundaram's question."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" My question was whether the Government are prepared to issue orders both to the municipal and Government libraries to see that all journals of public interest are purchased by the authorities concerned? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Discretion is given to the libraries concerned to be exercised in conformity with the Act and rules made thereunder."

Planning Adviser to report on famine conditions in the State.

* 1083 Q.—SRI K. T. KOSALRAM (on behalf of Sri R. V. Swaminathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India proposed to send a Planning Adviser to the Government of Madras to report about the famine conditions in this State;

(*b*) whether the Government of Madras refused such advice; and

(*c*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No such proposal has been received by the State Government.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."